



Promoting Rehabilitation, Independence, Dignity, and Education
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Tom Wheeler
Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I write today to express to the FCC my enthusiastic support of the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction. I have a long history of working with Comcast in my local community of Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania. Comcast has been a long-time supporter of my organization, Huntingdon County PRIDE, where I am a member of the board of directors and a past president. We have been fortunate to have such an excellent corporate partner, and I expect many similar organizations to benefit nationwide if this transaction is approved.

PRIDE clients are those with mental and physical disabilities. At our center, we help them access critical services such as speech and occupational therapy and loans of such equipment as wheelchairs and lifts. For our senior citizen members, PRIDE runs errands, makes meals, washes windows and completes many other services seniors can't perform on their own. We serve a large segment of the population, and heavily rely on community businesses and volunteers to help us ensure our clients get the best service possible.

Comcast's local employees have been instrumental in putting together productions for our organization. Each year, our local Comcast outpost sponsors our major telethon fundraiser that airs on a local Comcast channel. Thanks to the steadfast dedication of Comcast, each year has been more successful than the last. This past fundraiser raised more than a third of our annual budget. Comcast also partners with many national organizations that we admire and respect, such as Easter Seals and The Arc. Later this month, Comcast is planning to sponsor the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, bringing media attention and critical fundraising dollars to an organization that deserves great esteem.

Our employees consistently strive to guide young adults and children who use our services to see their potential for making a significant contribution to society through some kind of vocation. I have been consistently impressed with Comcast's dedication to diverse hiring practices, which include people with disabilities. The company's inclusive hiring and worker retention practices are commendable: people with disabilities are employed in management and throughout all of Comcast's local and national divisions. Comcast and NBC Universal are also bringing more diverse programming to television channels, including increased coverage of the Paralympics this year.

As you can see, Comcast is a leader in supporting and enabling those with physical and mental challenges, and it celebrates diversity and inclusion through its entertainment options and its corporate structure. It is my hope that the FCC approves the proposed transaction with Time Warner Cable so more can be done to advocate for Americans with disabilities.

Sincerely

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